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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.

DOWN in Socorro county is a newspaper that is Republican; standpate Republican; faithful, undaunted and cheerful in the teeth of disaster. The Chieftain always has been Republican, and if possible it is standing a little patter than ever before, in which it attains distinction, as being in a class by itself. Says the Chieftain:

"The only way to be sure of wise affirmative action by the next state legislature is to elect a house two-thirds Republican. With such a house the opposition of a Democratic minority and a Democratic governor to such legislation will come to naught."

The above undoubtedly is a true forecast of what would happen should the people of this state elect a two-thirds majority of standpate Republicans to the next assembly.

The Democratic minority and the Democratic governor's opposition to its affirmative action would be just as ineffective as it has been in the past when that condition existed in the legislature. We would for instance have strongly affirmative action on our existing election law by which the sheep may be voted safely in remote districts and in alphabetical order if desired. We would have equally affirmative action on the existing system of taxation by which these same useful sheep escape taxation. We would have affirmative action upon the county salary bill proposed in the last legislature by the two-thirds Republican majority, by which practically the entire income of every county in the state would be dumped into the pockets of the county officeholders. We would have a fine example of affirmative action on our existing libel law. Opportunity might present itself so that we might have affirmative action on the "Room 44" incident.

Oh, we would get action, all right, and it would be affirmative. From the viewpoint of the bosses of the standpate Republican machine the affirmative action might even be considered wise. These men sometimes have curious viewpoints. If the people were not entirely familiar with the kind of affirmative action they would see from the result the Chieftain proposes, they might be induced to take a sporting chance and try it. Get the people of this state are tired betting against a sure thing game. They are going to try a new dealer and a new deal.

Representative Kindel of Colorado says that when Leader Underwood and the president were urging upon him a committee assignment (District of Columbia) he didn't want, and he was told his acceptance would invite him many desirable invitations to "banquets," his reply was that he hadn't applied for a meal ticket.

A STIFF REBUKE.

SOME pretty stiff rebukes have been delivered to men and newspapers engaged in an attempt to belittle and distort the work of the Wilson administration recently, but nowhere have we seen one quite so straight from the shoulder as the letter from a Pennsylvania minister to the Philadelphia North American, one of the latest newspaper enemies of the administration. The North American prints the letter in a recent issue. It follows:

To the Editor of the North American:

Why must good men revile one another when there is so much wickedness which they need to attack unitedly? I have always had the highest admiration for the North American because it seemed so courageous in attacking evil. This admiration has turned to suspicion of your sincerity as I saw your attacks on the efforts of Woodrow Wilson. For the first time I see you arrayed on the side of selfishness and narrowness.

For the first time I see you attack a man whose character and achievements have been the most wonderful that we have seen in this generation, and I cannot help believe that you know Woodrow Wilson to be good, great and efficient, as well as I do.

I believe that if he had been by any chance a Republican or Progressive you would have applauded

the lofty idealism which led him to repudiate Huerta and espouse the cause of constitutional government. You would have applauded the marvelous diplomacy which he has exhibited toward Japan, Mexico, all South America and England.

You would have praised currency reform and tariff reform and anti-trust legislation. Your paper would have overflowed with praise of Daniels and Bryan because of their attitude toward liquor. You would have hailed with delight the extension of parcel post and rural credit.

You know in your heart that these high ideals are your ideals, yet you array yourself with the devil against them because they are done in the name of Democracy.

Had any other paper taken this attitude against right I should have felt more charitable. We know by whom they are owned. When the North American denounces the best idealism we ever had in the name of the American flag, I feel the same wrath which I have toward the multitude of hypocrites who use the church pews to cloak their perfidy. You would poison the minds of your readers with such cartoons about our relations with Colombia or have appeared in the last few days, though you know this to be the highest and noblest attitude we could take toward a weaker and suspicious sister republic. But in joining the Hearsts and Penroses in trying to destroy and distort high purposes you are breaking the shell of sanctimony and producing in thousands the disgust which always comes for those who proclaim their own righteousness but are found to betray the confidence we place in them.

There is a gigantic struggle wage between the seen and the unseen governments in this country. Woodrow Wilson is not on the side of the unseen. I always hoped you were not.

Are you?
REV. F. C. LAUBACH.
Benton, Pa., July 7.

Of President Wilson, Mr. Samuel G. Blythe says: "It is that attitude of mind that has given him the place he has and will hold, the place of undisputed leadership of his party and mastery of events." Mr. Blythe doesn't try to conceal it; it is fairly evident that he admires the president.

MR. EDISON OFF HIS BEAT.

MR. EDISON appears to have been pretty thoroughly routed in his position that paper used in the manufacture of the cigarette is poisonous. In brief, widely accredited authorities announce that as a judge of cigarettes Mr. Edison is the cleverest electrician in the world.

Not only has a trustworthy firm of analysts declared, in respect to a sample of cigarette paper submitted to them, that they have found no poison, but there has been brought before the public again the famous declaration of the London Lancet, that of the three forms in which tobacco is smoked—cigarette, cigar and pipe—the cigarette is the least harmful.

In a way, Mr. Edison must blame the children for the rebuke that has been administered to him—which is a pity, since he has done so much to delight children. For various reasons, the boy who hides behind the barn and smokes must be checked; and in order that he may be checked he has been told many alarming things. Children haven't any business with cigarettes. They haven't any business with swords or silk hats, either; but does that supply a reason why no man should have a sword or a silk hat?

It is to be regretted, however, that a great man like Mr. Edison should desert his own eminent province to give new currency to a baseless superstition.

Mr. Edison is a good American—which may account for the fact that he has not learned what truly every nation knows, and what the London Lancet has put into print; namely, that as a relative proposition the cigarette isn't by any means as black as the cigar or as the pipe.

Premier Mudge of the Rock Island road says that the size of the present bumper crop of wheat is due chiefly to the production of more bushels per acre. It was not so very long ago that the famous "Jim" Hill, who says many wise things and many that he thinks wise, explained to an appreciative public that the production of our agricultural lands per acre was steadily diminishing, and he told why this could not but be the fact. He had the statistics to prove it. Now 1914 turns up to disprove him.

Henry Clegg spiced his Fourth of July speech at Grant's tomb with personal reminiscences. This was one of them: "One very warm summer day General Sherman poked his head through the back door of the customers' room of my office. Then he started, and ran to the front door, where he paused just long enough to shout: 'Hurrah! I went through a broker's office and never lost a cent!'"

SOLOS

by the
Second Fiddle.

ROOSEVELT, if we remember right, is the only who collected 6 cents for damage to his reputation from an editor who he alleged had libeled him.

IF BARNES makes it stick, maybe Penrose will take a whiff at the Colson.

AND THERE'S Murphy too.

TO SAY NOTHING of numerous Manufacturers of great Wealth.

NATURE FAKES.

AND LIARS.

CARRANZA is willing to grant "em all the amnesty they want, reserving the right of criminal prosecution.

CARRANZA, under all his whiskers, plainly is a humorist.

IT IS PROPOSED, now that Huerta has left the country, to find out what became of Private Samuel Parks.

IN SOME QUARTERS there are entertained that Sam also has left the country.

SHERIFF ROMERO and Boss Baca have gone to the mountains where the tall timber is.

BABES in the woods?

WELL, HARDLY.

FOREST LOVERS, maybe.

BRYAN is so encouraged over the prospect for peace between Carranza and Villa that he has decided Villa doesn't need any more arms or ammunition.

OUR SECRETARY is a thoughtful soul.

NO WONDER the railroads want freight rates increased. The New Haven controlled the hauling of \$3,000,000,000 worth of business annually and still couldn't pay a dividend.

PLAINLY the Mussulmans don't intend to permit any Wieds to grow in Albania.

M. CAILLAUX probably realizes now that it's bad policy to let the left hand know what the right hand is writing.

INTRODUCING Senator I. Barth, who has set this season's veracious record for catching fish.

SOME ARE HERE, LACKS.

J. W. Sparks, one of our promising young ranchers, availed our eschequer very liberally this week by having three subscriptions entered upon our list. In addition to his own subscription he ordered the Republic to send to his father, J. A. Sparks, at McLean, Texas, and also to his brother Henry Sparks at Santa Rosa. We certainly appreciate this liberal and here to render Mr. Sparks satisfactory service and to furnish such a paper as to prevent his regretting the deal.

Yes, Maud, in turning out this lunk. A column every day. We're perfectly aware it's junk. We do it for the pay.

That Silver City Sporting Blood Will Just Out.

(Silver City Enterprise.)

The sportily inclined of Silver City are indulging their fancy these days betting on whether the daily flood performance will commence at 2:30 or 2:50 and bets are placed every day with a surety that speaks the early days when Jack Fleming won \$10,000 on a horse race, Wednesday. It was shortly after one o'clock when the matinee commenced and for two hours the streets were lined with gold bands of humanity watching the unique performance. Thursday afternoon the performance commenced late. It was 2:25 before the first flood water came down but it made up its volume what it lacked in time for it was the biggest chloride flood in a number of years, the water even reaching over the sidewalk at Spoor-maker's corner. The spillway was taxed almost to its capacity and huddled the water nicely. The damage done to the streets, however, will require several days' constant work with the city team and street gang before they are placed in good condition.

Two Peas in a Pod

(New York World.)

No obstacles should be placed in the way of a political alliance between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hearst. They are twin souls and belong together.

There are no other two men in American politics who have so much in common. Both of them detect the Wilson administration. Both of them are rogues who are fundamental antagonists to the president's Mexican policy. Both of them are in favor of breaking faith in the May-Panama treaty in order to give a subsidy to the coastwise monopoly. Both of them profess to believe that the Wilson administration is responsible for hard times. Both froth at the mouth at every mention of the Colombian treaty.

Both of them advocate regulated monopoly. Both of them are against an impartial enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law. Both of them favor the initiative referendum and recall. Both of them are vehement in denouncing all houses except themselves. Both of them were educated at the same university and have

spent their lives in political agitation. Both of them were born to fortune and relieved of the necessity of earning their daily bread which has enabled them to devote themselves unremotely to the exploitation of their ambition. Both are perpetual candidates, with a vagrant party allegiance that can be held only by honors and office.

Both of them believe in militarism and imperialism. Both of them are against independence for the Philippines. Both of them believe in a centralized government. Both of them are on intimate terms with certain forms of big business and both of them favor the use of governmental power to make fortunes for favored individuals.

Of the two, Mr. Roosevelt has more ability and is more versatile, but Mr.

Hearst has more independence and courage. Mr. Hearst always finances his own campaign; Mr. Roosevelt gets gentlemen in Wall street to finance his campaigns, but this is a difference in method rather than of principle. If Mr. Roosevelt were as rich as Mr. Hearst, he would probably do his own financing, too. Mr. Roosevelt is more popular than Mr. Hearst, but Mr. Hearst goes to press oftener than Mr. Roosevelt and has greater talent for appearing disinterested when "putting something over."

Probably a man who has tied a string around a finger as a reminder is the inventor of a ring to ride purpose with such a large setting that when it is turned around the wearer can not close his hand.

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